

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Long-Term Challenge

THE political fitness of the decision by Malaya's Federation Government to offer an amnesty to Communist terrorists need not be questioned. The big doubt which arises is whether the move has any real chance of success.

Examining the terms of the proposed offer, they are: proved loyalty to Malaya; respect for legal and constitutional authority; acceptance of the Malayan way of life; readiness to conform with Malayan political movements which are recognised by the government; agreement to the abolition of the Malayan Communist Party.

Surely nothing could be fairer or less exacting? And to anybody but a Communist terrorist they would have a powerful appeal. But a Communist, who is at the same time a terrorist, is the sworn enemy of constitutional rule and authority as understood in the democracies. He owes loyalty only to his party's cause, and to offer him immunity from reprisals or punishment if he disowns his party probably would be regarded as the biggest insult imaginable.

If the reaction in Kenya to the amnesty offered to the Mau Mau is any criterion, it is extremely unlikely that there will be any substantial acceptances of the amnesty which the Malaya Federal Government intends to offer.

THERE is another consideration. Mass acceptance of the amnesty by the terrorists would achieve the aim of bringing them out of the jungle and terminating the military emergency. But would it stop their subversive activities?

True, they could be placed under strict surveillance, but it would extremely naive to imagine that because the terrorists are out of the jungle and back into civilisation, and have repudiated Communism as a political movement, Communism and all its influences directed against constitutional authority would evaporate into thin air.

It has still to be demonstrated that between a legally recognised Communist Party and a Communist movement driven underground, the latter is the lesser of two evils. And the banning of the Communist Party in Malaya inevitably means that the movement will continue to function surreptitiously, and in consequence, more insidiously.

HOULDING out much greater hope for an effective campaign against the Communists is the Chief Minister's proposal to mobilise moral and physical support of everybody in Federal Malaya not only to withstand present pressure from the Communists, but to make it impossible for Communism to exist in the country.

It is the will and determination of the people, rather than political laws, which outlay Communism. Amnesties can fulfil a limited purpose, tentatively ending a state of emergency. But it is necessary to remember that if the Malayan government's amnesty achieves its objective, it does not mean that Communism will be automatically banished from the country.

Elimination of Communism as a potent factor in the life of Malaya will be a lengthy process. It will best be achieved through the medium of good and efficient government, winning for itself the confidence and respect of the masses. This is the long-term challenge to the government of Malaya now beginning a new constitutional era.

Anger Of Europeans In French North Africa Aroused

REVENGE CAMPAIGN FEARED

Danger Of Bloodbath In South Morocco

Casablanca, Aug. 24.

The French authorities feared today that mounting anger among European residents in North Africa might unleash a campaign of revenge equal in ferocity to the bloody weekend uprising which cost over 1,700 lives.

The toll of dead in Algeria and Morocco rose 200 more today when the authorities announced that 1,000 rebels had died in Algeria alone.

That uprising was still far from stamped out. Reports of new bombings and armed attacks poured in from Eastern Algeria.

In Morocco, the tribesmen of the high Atlas Mountains were reported catching the fever of warfare from the Berbers, who poured down into the plains of Central Morocco for an orgy of massacre.

Marrakesh, the capital of South Morocco and domain of the Pasha of Marrakesh, was itself under threat of danger, military sources said. Pasha el Glaoui has been one of France's strongest supporters in the protectorate. If the high Atlas tribes become agitated enough to come down from the mountains, or "move" in the French phrase, South Morocco might suffer the fate Central Morocco suffered five days ago, the Pasha notwithstanding.

In Central Morocco, an organisation called "The French Union of North Africans" circulated tracts calling on Morocco's 700,000 Europeans to "establish order" in Morocco "since France is not capable of doing so."

At the funeral today of General Raymond Duval, commander-in-chief of French troops in

Hollywood, Aug. 24.

Actor Bela Lugosi, 73, today obtained a marriage licence to wed a 39-year-old motion picture studio casting room clerk who wrote him daily letters during his recent confinement at a state hospital where he was treated for narcotics addiction.

The actor, famed for his horror portrayals on the screen, said he and Hope Lininger had not set a definite time for the wedding but it would be on a Simi ranch, near Ventura, about 60 miles from here.

"We are not sure about the time," he said. "It may be today, tomorrow or Friday."

Mr Lugosi, who twice has been widowed and twice divorced, earlier was reported to have decided definitely to be married tonight at the home of writer-publisher Maynard P. Hall in a small, private ceremony.

Miss Lininger said she had been a fan of the actor for many years.—United Press.

IMPORTANT SINGAPORE DECISION

Emergency Regulations To Lapse In October

Singapore, Aug. 24.

The emergency in Singapore will end officially towards the end of October, although the danger of Communist activities still exists in the colony.

That is the effect of a far-reaching and important announcement made by the Chief Secretary, Mr W. A. C. Goode, in the Singapore Legislative Assembly today.

Mr Goode, speaking on a motion seeking approval of a proclamation already made by the Governor-in-Council extending the regulations for three months from July 22, made the following points:

The Singapore emergency regulations, in their present form, are to be allowed to lapse.

Powers under the existing regulations which are considered necessary for good government of Singapore will be embodied in the laws of the Colony.

AMENDING BILLS

Seven amending bills relating to the emergency which concern most of the powers the government feel are necessary in the present situation will have their second reading on September 21.

Another important bill to be introduced will provide for social security registration and when this is law the regulations compelling identity card registration will lapse.

The seven bills mentioned by Mr Goode were formally read for the first time at the Assembly meeting last week although they have not been published.

The Chief Minister, Mr David Marshall, who seconded Mr Goode's motion, told the House that a printing of the bills was completed in the expected time, otherwise would have about three weeks to study them before the second reading on

Poisoned Milk Kills 5 Babies

Tokyo, Aug. 24.

Arsenic in powdered milk has caused the death of five babies among other infants in Southern Japan, it was reported today.

Four babies died in Okinawa; one in Hiroshima; 22 in Okayama and seven in Hiroshima were suffering from arsenic poisoning.

The Kyushu University discovered that the powdered milk of the Morinaga company contained small amounts of arsenic.

Health officials said that fly paper coated with the poison might have fallen into a vat.—United Press.

ALLEGED BRUTAL TREATMENT

Nyeri, Kenya, Aug. 24.

A Kenya prisoner was beaten and mauled in "an indescribable position with his hands between his legs" and then placed behind his neck, a Crown Counsel alleged as a magistrate's preliminary hearing here today, when two European police inspectors were charged with neglect.

The two officers are Inspector Anthony F. Fuller, 41, who comes from 11th Royal Hussars, Gloucester, Gloucester, and Inspector G. D. Johnson, 39, from

Waters, 23, born at Cork, Ireland, and later of 48 Seapoint Avenue, Monkstown County, Dublin.

They are charged with the murder of an African named Kamau on May 10 at Galanthera police station in Nyeri district.

The Crown Counsel, Mr Donald Oborne, told the court that a doctor would say in evidence it was likely that Kamau died as a result of his treatment.

The defense claimed Mr. Oborne had been charged with certain other incidents, including the shooting of a man in a police station.

OF A KIKUYU

which he was put during six days in custody.

Two other officers, Chief Inspector Geoffrey Cooper, 31, of Wetherby, and Detective Officer William Robert Booth, a South African, also appeared charged with causing grievous bodily harm to the dead man.

The attorney is expected to last at least ten days.

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Mr Shigemitsu Has Lots To Discuss In Washington

San Francisco, Aug. 24.

Mr Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Foreign Minister, said at a press conference today that he would discuss with Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, the possible release of Japanese war criminals.

Mr Shigemitsu said the retention of the war criminals in custody was contrary to the current United States-Japanese policy of working together and co-operation, especially in the Pacific.

Mr Shigemitsu, who arrived here earlier today by air on his way to Washington for conference, said the subject of war criminals would be one of the most important on the agenda.

Mr Shigemitsu said during his press conference:

1. Provisions of the United States-Japanese mutual security pact, signed here in 1951, following the drafting of the Japanese peace treaty, would be discussed.

2. Japan would not ask for the withdrawal of United States troops in Japan until Japan had completed the buildup of its military defence forces with especial emphasis on a land army.

3. Another subject of the Washington agenda would be the relaxation of restrictions on trade with Communist

China. Whether this subject would be accorded serious discussion would be up to the United States, the Foreign Minister indicated, saying: "It may touch on that subject."

4. He had no intention of raising the subject of Japan assessing foreign nationals at the Japanese national rate when the new income tax law was applied next year. No special concessions would be given to United States citizens, he said.

5. The numerical number of Communists in Japan was small, with the strength in the Diet "negligible." But the Communist influence was "not negligible at all but rather influential, and is the root of all political troubles we are having in Japan," he said.

In reply to a question concerning the possibility of the revision of the terms of the mutual security pact, he said that the agreement needed some revision so the two nations would be able to advance "even more in the direction of mutual co-operation."

He did not reply directly to a question asking whether Japan would seek atomic weapons as part of its defensive arsenal.

He said Japan intended to build up its forces and until it was able to do so, Japan would depend on the strength of the United States.

"REALISTICALLY, NO."

Asked whether Japan desired the withdrawal of United States troops, the Foreign Minister said:

"Theoretically yes, because we should like to complete our independence, but we are not just yet prepared to ask for that, so the answer is, realistically, no."

He added that the Communists were responsible for the agitation for withdrawal of United States troops at the present time.

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Boys Raided Armoury

Liverpool, Aug. 24.

Four boys were seized in court here today of an armament which sparked a nationwide hunt for Irish Republican Army gunmen thought to be involved.

The boys, whose ages range from 14 to 16, were charged with ransacking the armoury of a local cadet college and making off with a minor arsenal of shot guns, rifles and ammunition.

The theft followed close on the heels of renewed IRA activity in Britain, and police clamped a 24-hour watch on ports and airfield exits.

But they finally found the arms in an air-raid shelter 300 yards from the armoury.

The four boys, whose names were not revealed in accordance with English law governing juveniles, were remanded for eight days.—Reuter.

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CHINA DEMANDS ACTION ON STUDENTS IN AMERICA

London, Aug. 24. Communist China called on the United States today to prove "with deeds, not words" that it is not preventing Chinese students in the US from returning to their Red homeland.

A Peking Radio broadcast monitored here gave the text of an editorial in the People's Daily—official organ of the Red Chinese Government—which welcomed the news that the US intends to give Chinese students the choice of returning to their homeland or staying in America.

But it questioned whether the US really intended to implement its promise.

"The American Government has resorted to all sorts of measures in the past few years, including intimidation and persecution, to prevent Chinese students from returning home," charged the People's Daily.

Hinder Them

"We certainly welcome the announcement that the Chinese students are able to come back, but the question is whether these words are being transformed into reality. Unfortunately, the facts do not tally with the US Government's word."

The People's Daily charged that the US Government immigration service had demanded that all students wishing to leave the country do so within two weeks, "solely to hinder them." It also listed "the molestation of the deportation procedure" as one of the methods by which the United States allegedly tries to keep Chinese students from returning home. —United Press.

Wool Prices Likely To Fall

Melbourne, Aug. 24. Wool prices at next week's sales are likely to drop sharply because of the Australian wool shippers' refusal to renew the current contract for wool shipments expiring on August 31, exporters said today.

The wool shippers' decision follows a stand by overseas shipowners for a 10 per cent increase in freight rates to Britain and Europe.

Mr. A. Parks, President of the New South Wales Development Group, said buyers would go carefully because they always took into account the costs that had to be met in shipping wool to their home countries. —China Mail Special.

Moscow-Belgrade Air Service

Belgrade, Aug. 24. A delegation of the Yugoslav Government left here today for Moscow to discuss with Soviet representatives the conclusion of a civil air transport convention, it was announced today.

The delegation, headed by Mr. Dragoljub Drvaric, a Belgrade Foreign Office official, will also negotiate the establishment of a regular air service between Moscow and Belgrade.—Reuter.

GRAIN RATIONING ON MAINLAND

London, Aug. 24. A SYSTEM of rationing into Chinese towns and industrial and mining centres before the end of November, the Communist New China News Agency reported today.

The ration will vary according to age and type of work. For instance, those on particularly heavy physical work will receive 65 catties (a cattie is just over a pound) of wheat flour, workers, teachers and shop assistants will get 31 catties, and "residents in general" 27.5 catties. —China Mail Special.

POP



SHY LITTLE PRINCESS



Ex-King Leopold and wife Princess de Reilly with King Baudouin join in the fun while actor Georges amuses little Princess Marie Christine with a mask after the special performance of "Les Quatre Fils Aymon" seen by the Belgian Royal Family in the grounds of the Chateau d'Ardenne.—Express Photo.

Big Flood Relief Programme

Washington, Aug. 24. The White House announced late today that the Federal Government will undertake a big flood relief programme without calling a special session of Congress.

The programme calls for up to \$100,000,000 of Federal money to be spent for repair of public facilities and clearance of debris. Uncalculated additional amounts will be put out in free surplus food, loans to farmers, loans to private home owners and businessmen and special treatment for defence plants.

President Eisenhower approved the plans during a brief stopover at the White House before departing for Denver late today to resume his vacation.

The Civil Defence Chief, Vol Peterson, in charge of Federal efforts to aid flood victims, told reporters at the White House: "Every agency of the Government is being contacted to see whether there are any specific ways they can do something to help."

No Exceptions

The presidential Press Secretary, James Hagerty, said the Congressional leaders of both Parties had agreed "without exception" to the desirability of using money the Government already has.

"We believe the Government can meet the situation without calling a special session of Congress," said Mr. Hagerty.

The programme outlined by Mr. Hagerty also included surveys of housing and business damage, loans of Federal Health officials and scientists to the

States and establishment of emergency offices to handle the load of flood relief work.

United Press.

Britain Eases

Restrictions

London, Aug. 24. Britain announced today that she is easing her strict currency regulations to help victims of the floods which have swept the northeast United States.

An announcement from No 10 Downing Street said: "Her

Majesty's Government, remembering with gratitude the generous assistance received from the United States and from Canada in the flood disasters in this country, wish

to be known that they are allowing reasonable freedom of remittance in aid of the

grieving floods in North America." —United Press.

Red Cross Appeal

Geneva, Aug. 24. The International Red Cross today launched a world appeal here for aid to the millions of victims of the floods which have recently ravaged regions of India and Pakistan.

Some assistance has already been prepared in different European centres. The first shipments of aid material to the disaster areas will take place within the next 48 hours.

They are from all over Italy, France, Prussia.

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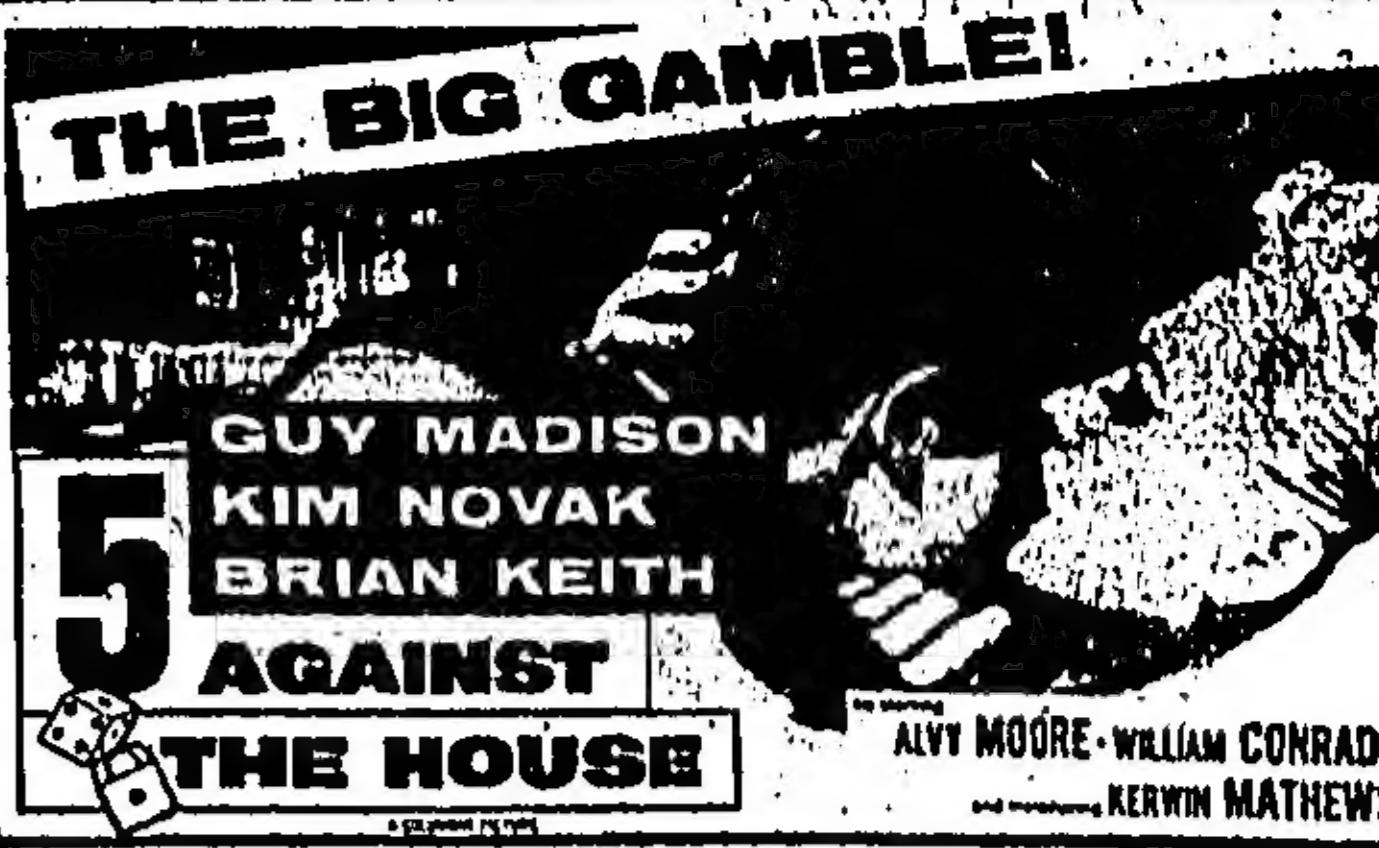
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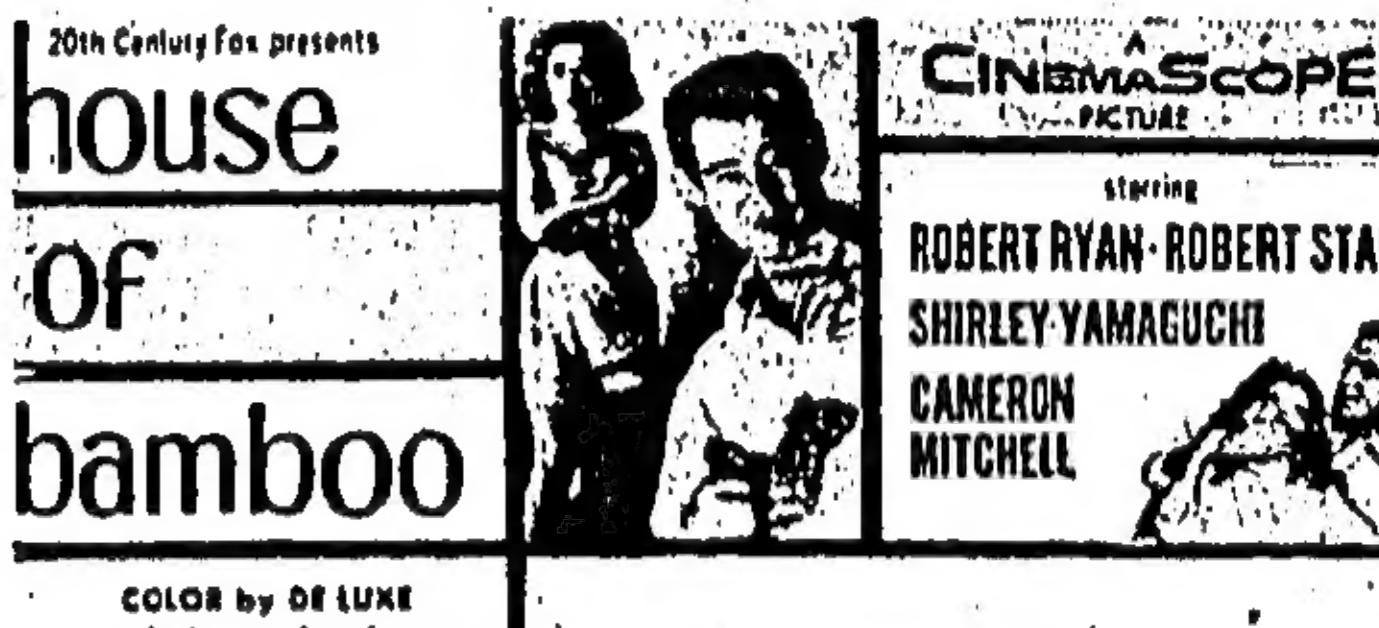
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SEEING THE PEOPLE'S CHINA WITH RUSSELL SPURR

WITH CHOU EN-LAI

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NEW 'NIGHT CLUB'

I WAS dining with Chou En-lai. So were a thousand other people. We were scattered at small tables around the hall of a Peking hotel. The occasion: Some East European national day.

I could see Red China's Premier quite well through opera glasses. He sat sipping vodka, seldom speaking, beside an envoy of the Soviet Union. Chou nodded absently to interpreted chatter.

Suddenly he stood up. His teeth and his upheld glass glittered in the floodlights.

This was the public Chou—the magazine-cover diplomat. Not the dreamy figure I had just been watching.

His voice crackled through the loudspeakers: "To peace, to friendship among peoples, to a peaceful solution of all the outstanding issues."

Everyone drank. Everyone applauded.

The girls

PRETTY little Chinese girls, got up to look like Russians, played an accordion and sang Russian songs. A plump pianist staggered through an agonizing Chopin mazurka. Acrobats did impossible things on a stage.

But Premier Chou paid little attention. He lapsed back into his private pose, sipping the vodka and smiling the kind of smile that makes Westerners think the Chinese are inscrutable.

I wondered if he could be recalling another toast only five months ago. Mao Tse-tung was present then. It was some great Chinese-Russian occasion.

A hastily-painted portrait of Bulganin, still unvarnished, beamed down like Buffalo Bill from a forest of flags.

The clubs

NATIONAL days are a substitute for night clubs in Peking.

Night clubs have long been closed. Frequent, well-organized celebrations in a Peking hotel serve to bring society together.

There are a few non-comrades. Representatives of the Western diplomatic corps trying not to look as if they are enjoying themselves. Indians and Burmese diplomats trying to look as if they are.

Professional delegates, cultural or economic, who seem to spend their lives the V.I.P. way as guests of innumerable Governments.

Itinerant journalists bewitched or bothered according to their political persuasion.

Gawking Russians, beaming Bulgarians, cheerful Czechs, all attention. He lapsed back into his private pose, sipping the vodka and smiling the kind of smile that makes Westerners think the Chinese are inscrutable.

The dance

TIME to dance. A Chinese military band had broken out into Socialist ballroom music. Not much different from the kind you could hear

The exit

THE music paused, Chou En-lai got to his feet. Was he going to dance? I regretted the Secret Police had impounded my cameras.

But no, the master diplomat strolled through a crowd of admirers applauding himself in the Chinese Communist manner. He paused in a doorway, still half-smiling.

Then the band struck up, the dancers swirled around. Chou vanished into the hot summer night in his black bullet-proof car.

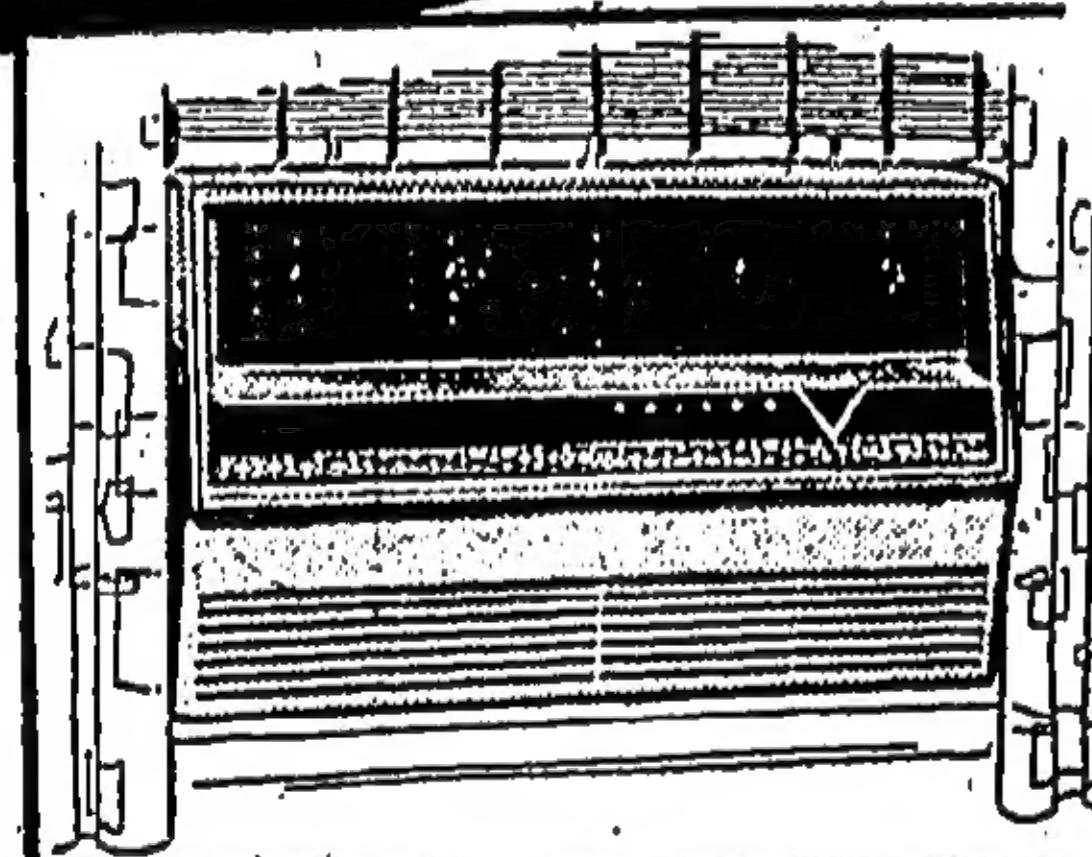
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THE ABBE WINS THE BATTLE OF THE BRIDGE

From WILLIAM ROLAND

PARIS. top floor in a small flat, the August shut down in Paris—extends even to the shelters where homeless working people who cannot afford the price of a hotel room normally get a place to sleep for the night.

In the face of official indifference the Abbe Pierre (real name Henri Groues—the Pierre is a legacy from the Resistance days) has come to the rescue. He has fought and won the battle of the bridge.

Rag pickers

The Abbe and his small army of rag pickers have commandeered the arches under the Pont de Sully in the centre of Paris. There they have set up army surplus tents, straw beds and even pots of geraniums and 400 people a night sleep underneath the arches.

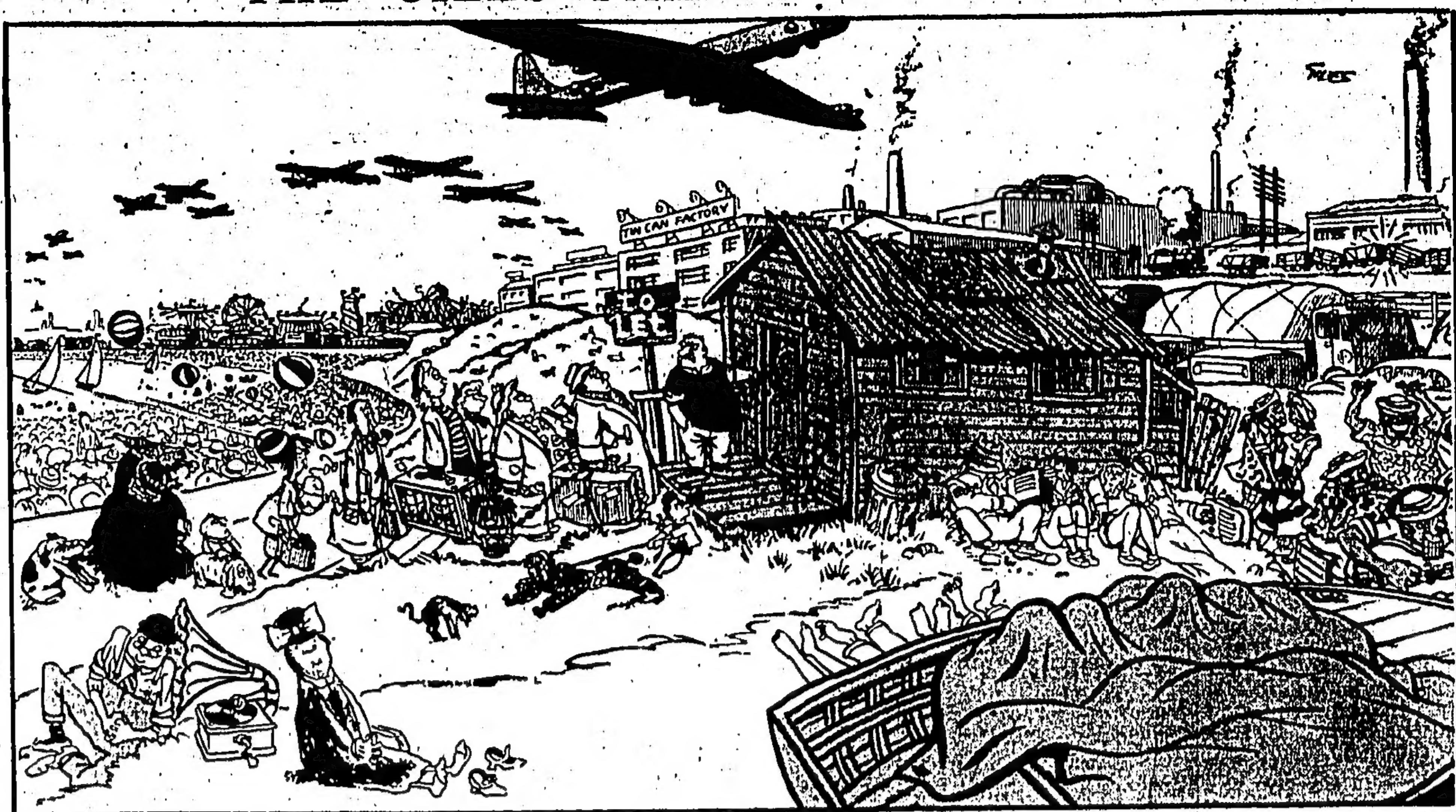
Booked by the Paris Prefect of Police, M. Dubois, the Abbe defied an order from the River Navigation Authority to break up camp, and plans to swoop on other bridges while the holiday season lasts.

The Abbe's organization—known as the Compagnons D'Emmaus—has come a long way since the days when he first rented a large old house in a Paris suburb and took in a few homeless people.

Small flat

It is now housed in a small flat in the 18th arrondissement, which it has bought for £10,000. The Abbe has given up his old flat in the 17th arrondissement, and now lives in a small flat in the 18th arrondissement.

THE GILES FAMILY ON HOLIDAY



"Do said anything about peace and quiet? My advert said 'Seaside' ut, 'arf-minute from sea, not another 'ouse for miles,' and nor there ain't."

—London Express Service.

The Prompt Marriage

• FACT or FICTION? All the stories in this series COULD be true... but did this one actually happen? The answer will be published tomorrow.



"Because Anne and you gave the impression that you might drop in on them in Yorkshire any day. You have the address, and are perhaps the most solid person she knows. He wants to get in first with his version of her disappearance, before you inquire on your own account."

I was ashamed that I'd not intended to inquire, and apologetically I thought that I could be anyone's most solid person. I dismissed my friend's theory as over-dramatic and lurid, but I was uneasy. Completing the round-up of my most distinguished acquaintance, I next showed the letter to a famous lawyer. I was badly shaken to find that he, too, thought it very sinister indeed.



for unconvincing, inconsistent replies.

"Why did he marry her?"

"Two hundred pounds in post office."

I did not know of this myself, though I was soon to learn that it was the very sum she had mentioned to my sister's cook. It might, perhaps, have been anyone's likely guess.

"Why is he in London?"

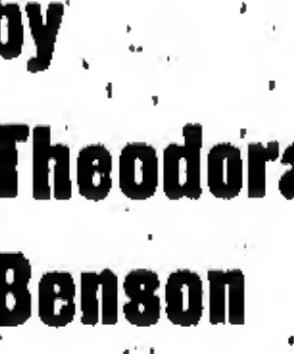
"Sell her little things."

"What has he got for them?"

"Thirty pounds."

Thenceforward the glass would do no more for us. Delicately sparing us its too-usual aw, or perhaps wa wa, aw, or perhaps wa wa.

The knife in the moor made shivery bed companion, and I was haunted, too, till sleep came by the sake of her little things. For this explained what I had not thought out: why he was in London.



by
**Theodora
Benson**

To support his story of her flight he had to dispose of her bulky gear. This could only be prudently attempted in a large city. An outraged visit to the marriage bureau and a search in the town where she'd surely go for re-employment would be his cover story. I could see him loading the car, of his at night; perhaps he had thought fit to take another picnic basket. He had buried her possessions in the second-hand markets as he had buried her body in the moor, and he was 250 the richer for it.

The next morning I received a letter with a Baywater address. It ran:

"Dear Miss Benson,

My husband turned out to be a pervert of the most awkward kind. So I will be much obliged if you will give me a reference. How are you?"

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christmas cards more. The ticket

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Chelsea Show Some Of Their Championship Form Against Huddersfield

London, Aug. 24.

Chelsea, English League Football Champions who were unexpectedly beaten at home on Saturday, showed some of their Championship form in winning at Huddersfield 3-1 this evening.

They gave a fine display of slick precise football with England player, Frank Blunstone, a big success on the left-wing.

HKAAA Accepts Offer Of Exhibitions By Bob Mathias

The Executive Committee of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association yesterday accepted an offer from the United States International Educational Exchange Programme to have Robert Bruce (Bob) Mathias, the Olympic Decathlon Champion, conduct an athletics clinic and give exhibitions during a week's stay in Hongkong from November 28.

The offer was contained in a letter from Mr Daniel J. Ferris, Secretary of the National Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, which was read to yesterday's meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hon. Secretary, Mr J. Kirkwood. Mr Raleigh S. M. Leung was in the chair.

The letter from Mr Ferris pointed out that Mathias was no longer eligible to compete as an amateur, but that his world tour to conduct athlete clinics had the approval of the American AAU, which advised the HKAAA to make use of his services.

Mathias was Olympic Decathlon Champion at the London Games in 1948 while still a schoolboy and Olympic Champion again at the Helsinki Games in 1952. He was, until recently, the world record-holder in the Decathlon.

OLYMPIC GAMES
The HKAAA Executive Committee decided also yesterday to inform the Hongkong Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee that it desired that Hongkong should take part in track and field athletics at the Melbourne Olympic Games next year and that the maximum strength of the athletics delegation would be three athletes and one official.

The Executive Committee adopted the recommendations of the sub-committee appointed to the following.

Men's Events		
Olympic Selection	Asian Games Selection	
100 Metres	10.7s.	10.9s.
200 Metres	21.8s.	22.2s.
400 Metres	40.0s.	40.0s.
800 Metres	1m. 57.0s.	2m. 00.0s.
1,000 Metres	1m. 57.0s.	2m. 00.0s.
5,000 Metres	15m. 20.0s.	16m. 00.0s.
10,000 Metres	32m. 00.0s.	33m. 00.0s.
110 Metres High Hurdles	15.2s.	15.6s.
400 Metres Hurdles	56.0s.	57.0s.
High Jump	6ft. 4ins.	6ft. 2ins.
Long Jump	23ft. 6ins.	22ft. 10ins.
Hop, Step and Jump	47ft. 6ins.	47ft. 0ins.
Shot Put	49ft. 6ins.	43ft. 0ins.
Discus Throw	145ft. 6ins.	130ft. 0ins.
Javelin Throw	210ft. 6ins.	190ft. 0ins.
Women's Events		
100 Metres	12.4s.	12.6s.
200 Metres	25.6s.	26.4s.
20 Metres Hurdles	12.0s.	12.4s.
High Jump	5ft. 0ins.	4ft. 10ins.
Long Jump	18ft.	17ft.
Shot Put	40ft.	35ft.
Discus Throw	130ft.	100ft.
Javelin Throw	140ft.	110ft.

Nobody Is Giving Credit To South Africans For Being Good Players

Mr G. O. ("Gubby") Allen, Chairman of England's Test Match Selectors, is not concerned about the future of cricket, although he is willing to admit that the present day batsmanship is disappointing.

"Nobody is giving the South Africans credit for being good players," he says. "Just because England won the first two Tests the South Africans were written off as a poor lot, and then because they won the next two Tests England has been labelled a poor lot."

"Actually the South Africans are only a fine team who are only continuing here the good work they did in Australia. Men like Tayfield, McLean, McGlew and Edeard are world class."

Mr Allen did say, however, that English batting had never this season come up to the standard expected. "Only May and Compton have been at all consistent." Mr Allen attributed England's poor trouble to injuries. Only once this season in a Test, he said, had the Selectors been able to call upon Statham and Tyson as an opening attack, and the absence of Cowdrey and Appleyard had been badly felt.

PERFORMANCES
Mr Allen said that "judged upon their performances in the West Indies Australia must be reckoned more formidable than when England won Down Under, and he had no doubt that they would give England a hard time in their next summer's Tests."

Sunderland's all-star attack settled down at home to trounce Aston Villa 5-1, four of their goals coming in the second half.

Another club tipped for honour this season, Preston North End, beat newly promoted Luton 2-1 after Luton had led 1-0 at halftime. It was Preston's second win.

THRILLING STRUGGLE

Wolverhampton Wanderers, beaten twice in pre-season matches by Moscow clubs, have yet to win a match. After their draw on Saturday they went down tonight by the odd goal of three in a thrilling struggle with the strong Portsmouth side.

Sheffield Wednesday, relegated last season, have started in great style in their bid to return to the First Division. They followed their 3-2 win against Plymouth on Saturday with a 3-0 victory at Liverpool tonight. Liverpool's goal scoring forward, John Evans, fractured his collar bone ten minutes after the start.—Reuter.

London, Aug. 24.

Association Football results:

LEAGUE DIVISION I

Huddersfield T.	1	Chelsea	3
Manchester U.	2	Birmingham C.	2
Portsmouth	2	W'hampton W.	0
Preston N. E.	2	Luton Town	0
Sunderland	2	Aston Villa	0
W. Bromwich A.	2	Everton	0

LEAGUE DIVISION II

Fulham	2	Blackburn R.	0
Lincoln C.	2	Hull City	0
Liverpool	0	Sheffield Weds.	3

LEAGUE DIV. III (SOUTH)

Albion	1	Newport C.	1
Bradford	1	Colchester U.	0
Bournemouth	1	Leeds U.	1
Brighton	1	Gillingham	0
Leeds	1	Shrewsbury T.	0
Lincoln City	1	Reading	1
Southend U.	1	Northampton T.	1
Swindon T.	1	Crystal P.	0

LEAGUE DIV. III (NORTH)

Accrington S.	3	Rochdale	0
Bradford City	2	Derby	1
Carlisle	2	Darlington	1
C. Alexandra	1	York City	2
Wellington	1	Hartlepools U.	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIV. B

Albion R.	5	Cowdenbeath	1
Allois A.	5	Dumbarton	3
Arbroath	1	Falkirk	1
A. United	2	Forfar A.	2
Brechin City	2	Dundee U.	2
Hamilton R.	1	Hibernian	3
St Johnstone	1	Montrose	0
Stenhousemuir	1	Perth	0
Third Lanark	2	Stranraer	2

LEAGUE DIV. III (NORTH)

Partick T.	3	Queens Park	1
IRISH ULSTER CUP	5	Glenavon	0

LEAGUE DIV. C

Ardie Field	2	Bangor	1
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LEAGUE DIV. D

St Louis	1	R. H. E.	1
New York	4	6	1

LEAGUE DIV. E

Chicago	5	R. H. E.	2
Brooklyn	9	11	2

LEAGUE DIV. F

Hacker, Hillman (6)	7	R. H. E.	1
Chitt, McCullough (7)	8	0	1
Cooper (8)	5	Meyer, Labine (8)	0
and Campenella, WP	4	Meyer (8)	0
(4-1). LP — Hacker (10-13)	12	Hacker (20th), Hodges (22nd)	0
HR — Kellert (2nd and 3rd),	0		
Campenella (28th), Hodges	0		

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago	5	R. H. E.	1
Brooklyn	9	11	2

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore	1	R. H. E.	1
Chicago	14	20	1

OVERHEADS

Wilson, Schalock (4)	1	R. H. E.	1

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Mother Acquired
Fortune

Moscow, Aug. 24.

Kometa, Nassart, Tovman and Kaipu, the
lovely black-eyed much-married girls of Changyrtash, are just a little tired of getting married.

They are unlikely to wed again unless it is a real love-match. For the mother of Kometa, Nassart, Tovman and Kaipu has at last been exposed after marrying off the four sisters to 14 different husbands in exchange for dowries.

The stranger — than fiction — story of how the girls were sold and re-sold by their mother in an out-of-the-way settlement close to the Soviet-Chinese border has just appeared in a Moscow newspaper.

The four beautiful sisters, daughters of a peasant woman, Salidet Adkhalmova, grew up in the settlement of Changyrtash, a tiny Moslem village in the deep south of Kirghizia, a Soviet republic bordering on China.

Adkhalmova seemed such a good mother at first that the Government gave her a "medal of maternity," the newspaper Kometa reported.

Forbidden To Lease

When Kometa, the eldest daughter, was 17, her mother told her: "It's high time for you to get married." And she advised: "Without money, happiness is impossible."

Soon, Kometa was married off to Zaindy Vlshkanov, a man 20 years older than the bride, but with enough resources to pay 20,000 roubles (about £2,000 sterling) to the mother.

Kometa and Vlshkanov drove away to set up home in the Dzhambul region of neighbouring Kazakhstan. After a short time, Adkhalmova wrote to ask her daughter to visit the settlement again. Once back in Changyrtash.

By this time, old Adkhalmova was rich. The third daughter Asma refused to let her mother find a wealthy husband for her, and escaped the fate of her two older sisters by threatening to tell the police of the "marriage mart" on which Adkhalmova was doing so well.

Two More

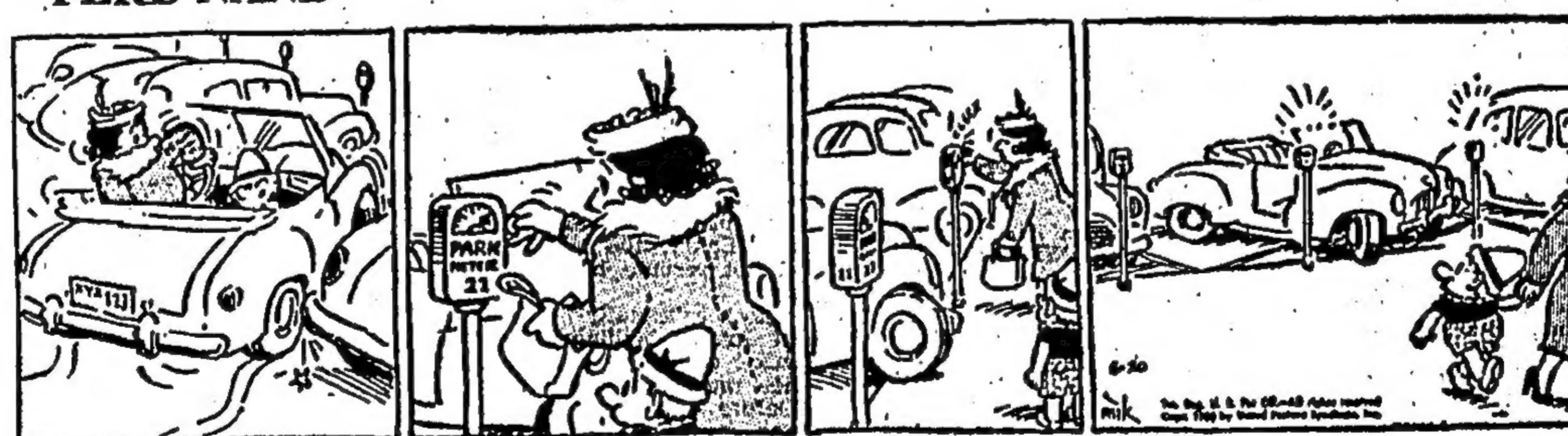
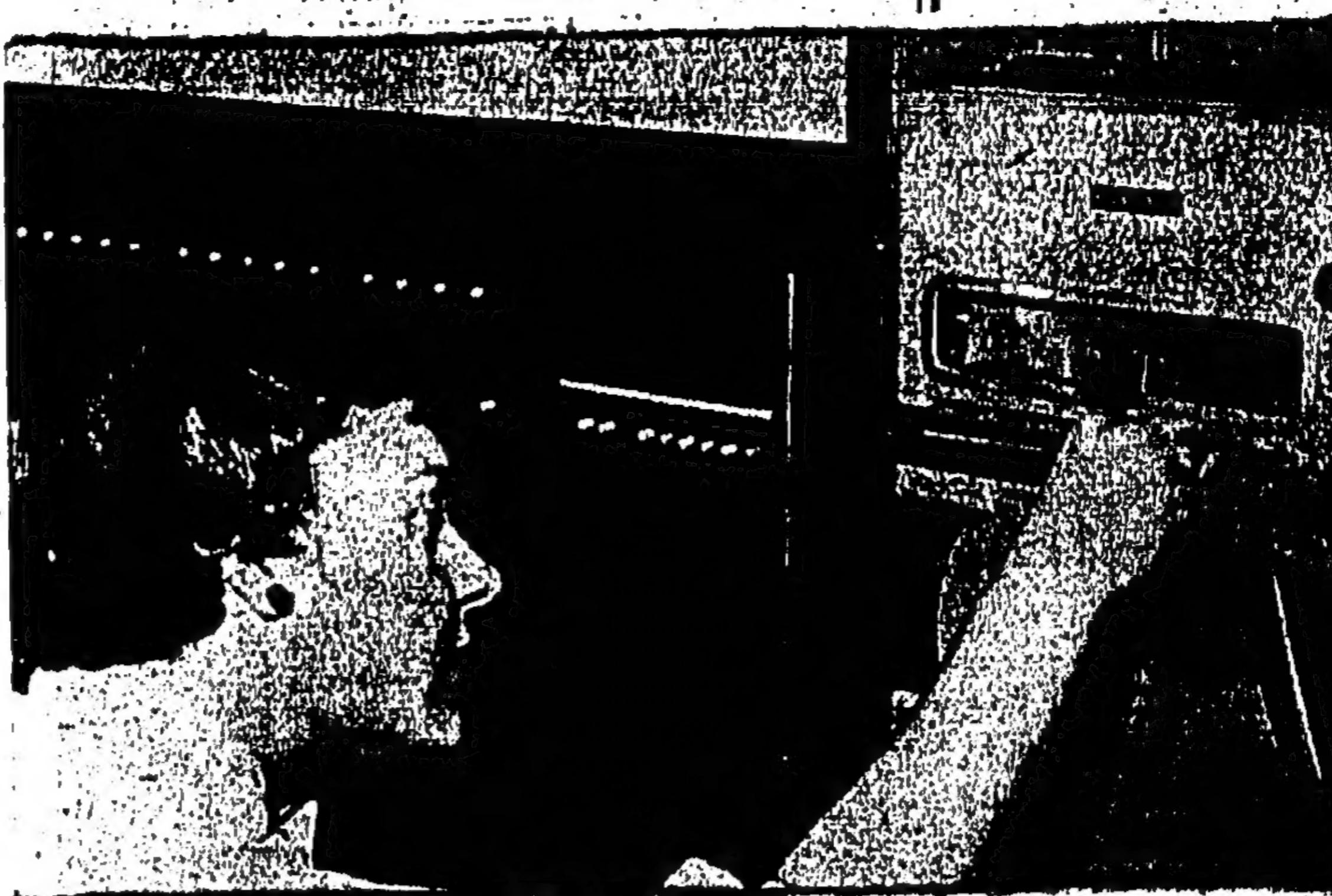
This did not disturb the mother unduly, for at home there were still two younger daughters, Tovman and Kaipu. In time they were found successive husbands and more relatives flowed in.

Before the story came to an end, Adkhalmova had sold her four daughters to 14 husbands. In return she received 70,000 roubles (about £9,000 sterling) not to mention large quantities of valuable goods. — China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



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Against
PoachingWellington, Aug. 24.
When the Treaty of Waitangi was signed 115 years ago Queen Victoria gave her protection to the Maoris and they accepted the sovereignty of Britain.

From time to time a case crops up where a present-day Maori claims that that protection justifies a disregard of the white man's laws.

The most recent case occurred at Whangarei, not far from Waitangi, where the Treaty was signed.

A Maori, Mr Timoti Horotika, caught in the act of taking godwits, a bird which is protected by law, claimed that as the old-time Maori could take all birds for food, the Treaty of Waitangi gave him the same right at the present day.

The Magistrate was not convinced and the three godwits shot cost Horotika a total of £24. 5s. 0d. in fines and court costs. — China Mail Special.

ADENAUER
PLANS
STRATEGY
Moscow VisitGeneva, Aug. 24.
Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and his top foreign policy advisers have completed West German strategy preparations for his Moscow trip in September, a spokesman for the Chancellor said at Muenchen today.

Dr Adenauer, Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano and aides held a high level strategy conference that lasted all day yesterday. They met at the hotel in this Swiss Alpine resort where Adenauer is vacationing until on August 27.

The spokesman said that Dr Adenauer's programme for his momentous talks with the Kremlin leaders is now complete. He will meet with Party leaders this weekend in the hope of winning as broad a political support as possible at home before he flies to Moscow. — United Press.

New 7th Fleet
CommanderWashington, Aug. 24.
The Navy announced today that Rear-Adm. Stuart H. Ingersoll will replace Vice-Adm. A. M. Pride as commander of the powerful Seventh Fleet in the Far East in December or January.

Adm. Ingersoll has served the past two years as Chief of Staff of the Atlantic Fleet under Adm. Gerald White, Fleet Commander. He was an aircraft carrier commander in the Pacific in World War II. — United Press.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

WHITE DIVER CAN
MATCH JAPSDarwin, Aug. 24.
pearlshell diver, who intends to retire at the end of the season, claims to have equalled the theory that a European cannot equal a Japanese as a diver.

He is Richard Edward Sonners, the last of one hundred Europeans who, since World War II, have tried gathering shells from the seabed off the north Australian coasts.

For nine years, he has defied the extreme pressure of the depths, paralysis, diver's sickness and "the bends."

Sonners, known as the "White Penit" is No. 1 diver with his own outfit operating off Bathurst Island, 40 miles north of here. He has three Japanese divers and five Japanese crew working with him.

Last season, with another white man, Curly Bell, and a Broome half-caste, Joe Hunter, Sonners returned to port with more than 28 tons of shell, taken in six weeks — a postwar record for Darwin and a haul which even the Japanese similarly equipped will have difficulty in bettering.

Main Danger

The main danger in diving is not under water at all. Sonners says, but on the surface, in the "tender" who holds the diver's life-line in his hands, like a puppet on a string. Trained Japanese tenders are the quickest to respond to the diver's signals — and it is the seconds that count when the man in the helmet is in trouble.

When a diver being dragged along the pearl bed by the tide sees a ledge ahead in the seabed, he signals to be raised until he gives another signal to stop.

Slow reaction from the tender and the diver is over the ledge and dropping into water fathoms deeper. His helmet is forced off by the increased pressure and the sudden drop and all is over for him.

Down below, the giant devil ray, not the shark, is the diver's enemy.

"I have often rubbed shoulders with man-eating sharks," Sonners says. "I didn't know what to do when I saw one underwater for the first time. I had heard that his nose was his softest spot and when he

was done its work before the operation is complete.

Ignoring Admiralty tables of staging times and the number of dips which can safely be made in given periods is a danger but, said Sonners, "if we stuck to the tables, we should have to be picking up pieces of eight to make a living."

Frighten Away

Sonners believes that diver's paralysis, and its cure, frighten white men from the industry. Luggers off the Australian coast are not fitted with decompression chambers and a diver has to be put down to his previous depth. The pains disappear as he hangs, sometimes for hours, in the pitch blackness of night, while schools of fish or maybe a shark — dart past in streaks of light in the phosphorus-flecked water.

Sonners has won his bread and butter from the sea since he left school when only 14 years old to work with the barracouta, crayfish and scallop fleets out of Hobart, Tasmania.

He served with American, Dutch, Norwegian and Panamanian merchantmen during the war and when he last signed off was at Townsville, Queensland. There he met John Childs, who had set a diving record of 61 fathoms off Sydney.

Childs told him that there was a fortune to be made in pearlshell diving. From various ventures, Sonners has made some money in nine years, but the "fortune" has yet to be gathered and it looks as though it will not come from his own diving efforts since this is his last season. — China Mail Special.

Home Fleet
To Visit
CopenhagenLondon, Aug. 24.
Part of the British Home Fleet will visit Copenhagen for the British trade fair opening there on September 29. It was announced today.

A complete British military fleet of more than 600 ships will also be shipped overseas for the first time to give performances during the show. Britain will play Denmark at football and an Anglo-Danish boxing contest will be held.

The Duke will arrive on October 12 on a two-day visit to the yeast Britannia.

Earlier a major force from the Home Fleet — led by its Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Michael Denny, in the fast minelayer Apollo and including the aircraft carrier Albion and two of Britain's newest destroyers, the Dacry and the Diana, will sail into Copenhagen harbour.

The members of the Denmark fleet will be joined by the British fleet, which will be led by the battleship Queen Elizabeth.

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Shigemitsu Has A Lot To Discuss

(Continued from Page 1)

The possibility of Japan increasing its trade with Communist China was raised and the Foreign Minister said he would discuss the rules prohibiting certain trade with China with Mr Dulles.

He then discussed the treachery of Japanese war criminals still in custody and said that their retention in prison was "contradictory" to the new understanding between Japan and the United States.

He said the war ended ten years ago. "Now is the time to wash up any trace of that unfortunate war," he said.

"It is high time the war prisoners were released."

He said the subject would be discussed with Mr Dulles and he described that subject on the Washington agenda as "very important."

LOST BAGGAGE

Mr Shigemitsu was late for his press conference, which was attended by more than a score of reporters, cameramen, and newsreel and television cameramen, because his luggage had been lost for several hours after his arrival at the Fairmont Hotel, where he will stay overnight before leaving for Washington tomorrow.

The luggage finally was found in a room containing bags belonging to delegates to an electronic convention.

At the press conference also were Mr Toshikazu Kise, Ambassador and permanent observer for Japan to the United Nations; Mr Sadao Iuchi, Ambassador of Japan to the United States, and Mr Toshiro Shimamura, First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Washington.

During the press conference the Foreign Minister replied in English, delivering a special message for a Japanese television cameraman in Japan.

"COMFORT" WISH

Mr Shigemitsu said that just before he left for Washington he received a personal letter from the former Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Shigeru Yoshida, wishing him "comfort" on his journey and a successful trip. He said it was not a political letter.

The Foreign Minister said he agreed with the statement of Japan's economic planner in the Diet that \$800 million in reparations to the Philippines should be considered. He also said Japan should give "very serious" consideration to the reparation proposal of the Philippines government.

"I hope the question will be settled amicably," he said.

Mr Shigemitsu arrived here after his trans-Pacific crossing by Japan on lines.

Discussing the levying of the Japanese income tax assessments on foreigners, Mr Shigemitsu said he believed that foreigners in Japan deserved to be treated as Japanese nationals but added that if Americans thought they were unfairly treated he was sure the government would consider practical readjustment of the levies.

Reuter.

Wages Soar In Britain

London, Aug. 24.

More than 10 million Britons have received pay increases this year—almost half the nation's working population—the Ministry of Labour disclosed today.

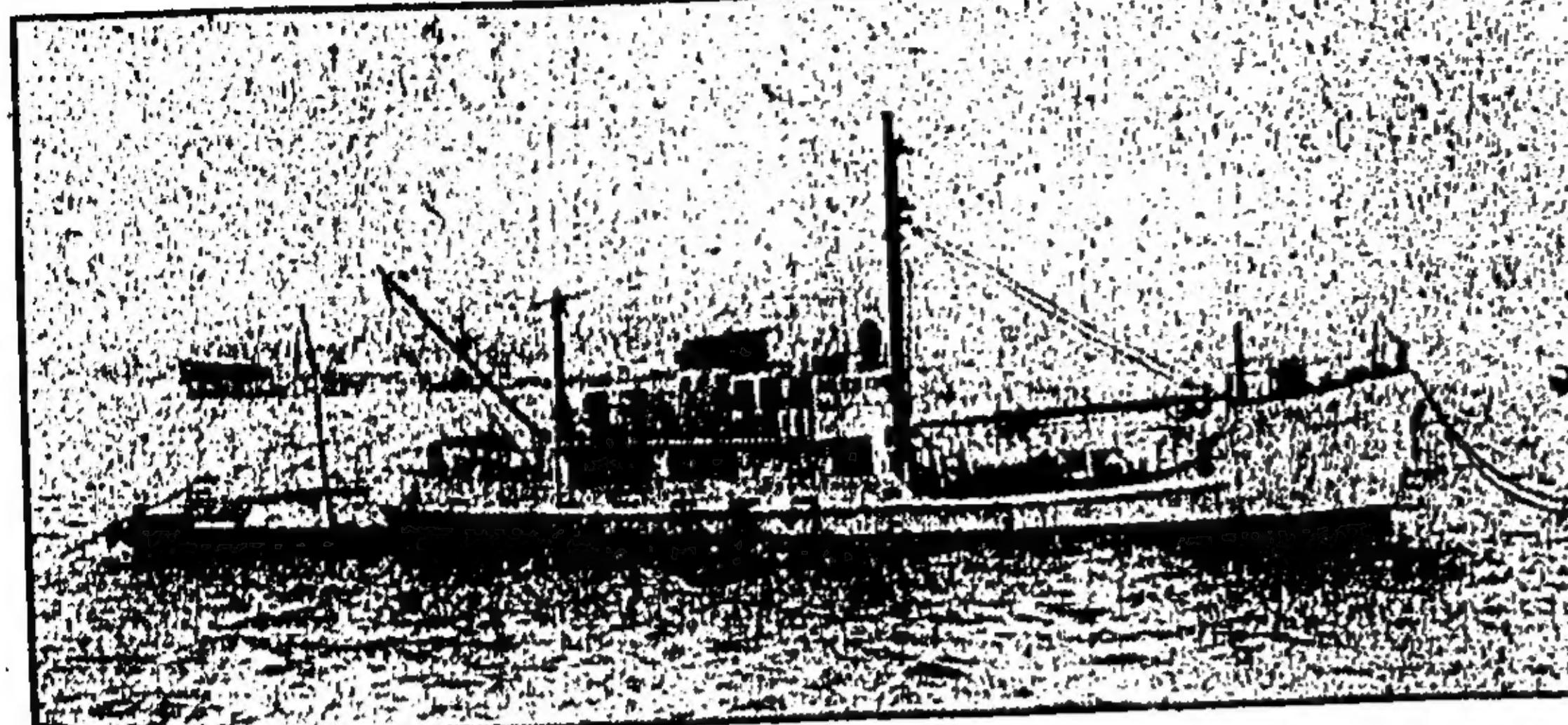
The ministry's official gazette said that since January, wage rises for 10,076,000 people costing about £4,200,000 weekly had come into operation.

In the same period last year there was a net increase of £2,455,000 in the weekly wages of 7,841,000 employees.

These latest figures give point to the Conservative Government's fears that the flood of pay rises could undermine its anti-inflation policy, strengthened recently by a "credit squeeze" designed to cut home spending and channel more British goods for export.

Ministers are now anxiously watching the outcome of current wage demands by three million shipbuilders and engineers and a looming claim by nearly 400,000 railway workers.

—Reuters.



The Kenya Lang riding at anchor in Hongkong harbour this morning before beginning her maiden voyage. — Staff Photographer.

THOSE GENEVA DISCUSSIONS

Washington Disturbed And Irritated

Washington, Aug. 24.

American officials are disturbed and irritated over the gloomy outlook for early release of the 41 US civilians still held by Communist China, it was learned today.

The United States and Red China have been conferring at Geneva for more than three weeks on the prisoner issue. But the talks have been deadlocked by Communist stalling on guarantees that the Americans will be freed.

While the Reds could announce the release of some or all of the prisoners at any time, officials said there was no sign that such a move could be expected any time soon. However, they still hope some plan can be worked out.

President Eisenhower, the Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, and other high administration officials keeping a watch on the Geneva talks, were said to be at loss to know why the Reds are holding.

On the eve of the August 1 conference, Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai said the problem of the Americans in China could be settled easily. The US Ambassador, Alexis Johnson, top American at Geneva, has reminded his Chinese colleague of Premier Chou's statement, but to no avail.

The Red negotiator, Wang Ping-nan, has harped on the theme that the cases of the Americans are under review in Red China. But he has been unwilling to give ironclad assurances that they will be freed.

Officials said the Reds might be stalling in order to use the civilians for bargaining purposes when "other matters at issue" between the United States and Red China are discussed at Geneva. The Communists up to date, however, have not attempted to move on to other problems between the two countries, it was said. — United Press.

NO MORE WARNINGS

The Hongkong Royal Observatory reported late this morning that no information was available concerning the tropical storm Iris, which had moved inland to the NW of Foochow. No further warnings on this storm will be issued by the Royal Observatory.

Doctors Go On Strike

Radio Hongkong

VIENNA, Aug. 26.

A 48-hour strike of 13,000 doctors and 2,500 dentists commenced this morning in Vienna, where members of the medical profession expressed their dissatisfaction on a new national health law.

During the morning there will be a large meeting to be attended by the strikers and a fleet of cars will be fitted with loudspeakers to tour the city explaining the reasons for the strike.

At the same time an emergency system of 3,000 doctors has been arranged for urgent and serious cases.

This is the first professional strike in Austria since October 1950.—France-Press.

Inquiry Reveals Narcotics Ring

Colombo, Aug. 24.

A two-month inquiry into an attempt on June 16 to smuggle 850 pounds of opium from Ceylon to Australia in an electric generator has revealed the existence of an international ring of narcotics dealers, local authorities said today.

Scotland Yard and Ceylon police, who co-operated in the investigation, are making the Australian government to trace the person to whom the concealed opium shipment was consigned, police said. — United Press.

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TYphoon-Grounded FREIGHTER

Crew Says There Was Nothing Much To Worry About

"There was really nothing much to worry about," said some of the crew-members of the 7,125-ton freighter Champlain grounded in a typhoon two months ago on the Chinese Communist island of Hainan, when interviewed at the Missions to Seaman this morning.

They said that they had steam and lights right up to the time their fuel ran out, and that only on one occasion did they leave their ship. This was when, on the night of the typhoon they were warned that another one was approaching. The Captain then sent most of the crew ashore, but remained aboard with five men to keep the ship in British hands.

They said that on the night of the typhoon, their vessel was carried over the reef on the west of a wave and landed about 50 feet from the shore.

They added that it was about a fortnight later that the Taikoo Dockyard tugboat Taikoo was permitted to go anywhere near the grounded vessel. They could not, however, state the reason for the delay.

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